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THERE is hardly any Thing, which is not essential to the Wants, or provocative of the Pleasures of Life, that Men are so fond of as *Ceremony*; and yet there is nothing, perhaps, which is a worse Compliment to humane Nature: It argues there are many, very many disagreeable Parts in its Constitution, that they stand in need of so artificial a Veil to hide them. Ceremony, indeed, is nothing else than the Art of disguising our own Faults in Compliment to those of others, and the very Use of it insinuates that, without it, our Company could seldom be tolerated, and never esteem'd as our own Pride would desire it should. Hence 'tis grown into a Science, and we make it first the Study, and then the Practice of our Lives; Men are often valued in Proportion to this Kind of Good-Breeding, even more than for Acquisitions of far greater Moment, and he that is a Master in it has no Need of any other Merit to recommend him: As such are always forward to allow every Person his Due, no one ever denies them theirs; all are pleas'd with the agreeable Flattery which results from this Kind of Conversation, and, being satisfied with themselves, have not Leisure to criticise on others.

From these Considerations I am ready to own that 'tis at least a necessary Evil, and ought to be mingled with our Correspondences as the Sweetener of Life; among Strangers 'tis the first Step to recommend us to their Favour, and make us pleas'd with their Acquaintance: 'Tis, in a manner, the common Barter of Civility, and serves in Conversation, as Money does in Trade: He that makes chearful and ready Remittances we are fond of dealing with, but avoid the Selfish and Morose that with-hold their Payments till they are extorted from them: With our Acquaintance we are oblig'd to be as punctual as with Strangers; a frequent and intimate Converse requires a continued Flow of Courtesy, to continue it at all; we are very apt to grow jealous that we are slighted by our Friends, and some Men are so unhappy in their Tempers, that nothing but Ceremony can keep them in Humour with themselves, or any Body else. Even where there is the strictest Friendship Ceremony is not entirely to be laid aside; Negligences, in that Point, are very apt to introduce such Freedoms unawares, as are neither forgiven or forgot: Rudenesses, in such Cases, pass for Injuries; and Intimacy, instead of atoning for the Trespass, is made such a Sort of Medium as only serves to magnify the Object, and make it appear more deform'd.

I may further add, that Ceremony serves for Land-marks to mark out the Bounds of high and low Life, and distinguish all the intermediate Spaces. No doubt but 'tis of great Use in this Light; for, if Place and Power, Birth and Figure were not to be adorn'd with Ceremony and Pomp, 'tis very probable the Vulgar would lose their Distance, and by looking boldly into the Merits of their Superiors, break down the Barrier at once, and set the World on a Level.

But, after all that has been said in Favour of Ceremony, it must be consider'd only as the Decoration, and not the Business of Life; we should employ our Time very ill in coursing our own Shadows, and he that makes Ceremony his Study does little more; 'tis to the full as possible to be too much in Love with it, as too little; and those, that devote themselves intirely to it, are seldom fit for any more than the Honours of a Ball, or a Place at a Lady's Visiting-Day. 'Tis indeed a Qualification that can hardly be call'd masculine to be vers'd in Forms and Compliments; and I have not been a little chagrin'd to see in Histories of the greatest Affairs, the Peace of the World delay'd on Account of Rank and Precedency. According to the present Situation of *Europe*, 'tis possible such Trifles may be necessary, but even that very Necessity should be look'd upon as Fetters that are, at once, both scandalous and troublesome. Women, in their little Correspondencies and Amusements, can only quarrel about Points and the idle Impertinence of what is call'd falsly Good-Manners: Men should be above such Follies, and, in State Affairs particularly, the Word Ceremony should be expell'd, as foreign to their Nature, and burthensome to their Views.

For my own Part, I know not how to indulge even the Ladies themselves in this favourite Failing; I would fain persuade myself they are capable of higher and nobler Pursuits: To cast one's Eye into one of their politest Assemblies, and observe their Entrance, their Behaviour, and their Conversation, 'twould be almost a Doubt if they were reasonable Creatures, if we did not know they were warp'd by Education, and Fashion and Custom misled them into such Follies, as their better Sense, and cooler Reflection would be asham'd of. In such Places as these, and such Company, 'tis always suppos'd that the most refin'd Ceremonies are only in Vogue, and Taste and Elegancy are the easiest to be found. But where shall we begin the Search? or how shall we make it answer Expectation? Unmeaning Compliments, and absurd Ceremonies are the Beginning and End of the Meeting, and Scandal, Dress and Play fill up the Interval. Nothing is said of the Present but what is most obliging, and nothing of the Absent but what is severe and unjust; nay 'tis not improbable that even their highest Civilities are meant as so many Snares, for each other to expose themselves in Turn, to furnish out Entertainment somewhere else.

I have often fancy'd to myself, that *Ceremony* was the *Porter* to such Apartments as these, and that, as every Visitor came in, she furnish'd them with a Mask to conceal their true Features, and expose a Counterfeit that should both deceive and betray together; if there were any Precedent for it, I would carry the Thought a little farther, and suppose that in the Middle of their smoothest Speeches, and most engaging Smiles, the Masks should again be snatch'd away, in a Moment, and all their Sentiments appear naked and genuine as their Faces. I dare be sure there is scarce a Member of any of these Assemblies, that would not be frighten'd at the bare Supposition of such an Eclaircissment, and perhaps would rather compound to unveil their Bodies than their Minds. 'Twould indeed occasion a surprizing Alteration: How many seeming Friendships would then turn out secret Aversions! How soon would open Pride and Contempt usurp the Place of affected Esteem and Modesty! How Spleen and Ill Nature would get the Ascendant of Affability and Benevolence, and universal Distaste of each other succeed universal Civility!

As I have before observ'd, Ceremony is the Expedient that wise Men have found out to make us tolerable Society, and, while it continues within a proper Bound, it has a very desirable Effect, and ought almost to be rank'd among the Virtues. But, when it leans to Excess, and grows a Burthen by nauseous and supernumerary Additions, it ought to be blam'd in others, and avoided by ourselves.

If therefore, Ceremony, in the wisest and best of us, serves only to set a Gloss upon our Conduct, and soften us from Savages into conversable Creatures; what must we esteem the Overflow of it in those who cannot be rang'd with either? Surely it can be thought no other than a Sort of courtly Hypocrisy, an Affectation of Humanity that is foreign to the Nature of him who wears it, and, of Course, a Snare to delude the Unwary, and cheat the World in general out of their good Opinion, in believing them what they are not.

'Tis on this Foundation, that hollow and designing Men endeavour to cover over their Artifices with Excess of Civility, and 'tis, from Experience of this Deceit, that we are taught to be most aware of such insinuating Characters.

I would not be understood here to suppose that all ceremonious Persons are necessarily Villains; I believe they are not; but then 'tis certain, on the other Hand, they are not altogether so wise as they should be; for what reasonable Man would put his Friend to Pain, when he intended him Civility and Favour? There is likewise a false Complaisance which Men of Sense and Modesty are sometimes liable to, and that is the according to a wrong Sentiment, rather than take the Freedom to contradict it, and indulging the Folly, at their own Expence, which they might as easily cure.

Upon the Whole, 'tis no Wonder that so many People err, that make themselves Slaves to Ceremony, since it rather depends upon Fashion than Reason, and varies so often too, that a Man must never lose Sight of it, for Fear of being distanc'd in the Chace, and making himself ridiculous, where he meant to excel.

The Reason of these frequent Mistakes is this; Men hunt after Ceremony believing it to be Good-Manners; whereas they have seldom any Resemblance, and often are directly opposite to each other: Good-Manners is founded upon this single Rule, *To bear with the Frailties of others, and take Care that our own shall not offend*; if we should add a Grace in doing Trifles, and Ease in Affairs of Moment, we finish the Gentleman at once, and Ceremony can add no more.

From hence 'tis plain, that Reason and Good-Sense will always be the Parents of Good-Manners, and Men who understand themselves and the World can never fail of exerting it in the highest Stile, though they may be intire Strangers to the Modes and Ceremonies of the Court: Good-Manners therefore has a Standard to appeal to, Ceremony none; one is founded on the Caprice of the Great, the other on the Understanding of the Wise; the first will recommend a Hermit in a Desart, the last render a Courtier contemptible in the Circle. The Man of Good-Manners may be a Proficient in Ceremony, the Man of Ceremony seldom acquainted with Good-Manners.

To the AUTHOR *of the* WEEKLY REGISTER:

SIR,

THE Following is an Epitaph on *Poor Robin*, a late Drawer, which lately came to my Hands; I believing it may be of Service to those who are placed in the same Station of Life, hope you'll do me the Favour of giving it a Place in your next Journal, and therein you'll oblige *Your Correspondent and humble Servant*, T. S.

BACCHUS, to give the toping World Surprize,
Produc'd one sober Son, and here he lies.
Tho' nurs'd among full Hogsheads, he defy'd
The Charms of Wine, and every Vice beside.
O Reader! if to Justice thou'rt inclin'd,
Keep honest *Robin* daily in thy Mind.
He drew good Wine, took Care to fill his Pots,
Had sundry Virtues that outweigh'd his Faults.
You that on *Bacchus* have the like Dependance,
Pray copy *Bob* in Measure and Attendance.

SATURDAY, *August* 11.

ON Wednesday last a Man was tried and convicted before the Bench of Justices at *Westminster-Hall* on two Indictments for Petty Larceny, in stealing Books from two Shops, or Stalls, near *Covent-Garden*; but in Regard he had lived in good Credit in the World, and that his Brother was a very pious and learned Clergyman, Sir *John Gonson*, the Chairman, was pleased to order that he should receive his Punishment privately in the Prison, and not be whipt publickly at a Cart's Tail, as usual in these Cases.

The Commencement being over at *Oxford*, and it being reported that the Musick had brought away 2000 Guineas, the Gentlemen of the Road look'd out sharp to have their Share of the Treasure; but by the Dexterity of Mr. *Handel* they were disappointed; at which they were so enraged, that they resolved to make Reprizals upon all the Coaches they met with, and the first that fell in their Way was one of the *Oxford* Coaches, which they attack'd on Monday last between *Ealing* and *Southwell* (at Seven o'Clock in the Morning) and who should they make Prize of but Mr. *Richard Leveridge*, from whom they took both Gold and Silver, and Scores of Musick, to a considerable Value, not yet known.

The Duties upon *French* Brandies imported into this Kingdom within three Months past, we are assured have amounted to upwards of 200,000l.

[Price THREE HALF-PENCE]

N. B. *Advertisements, of a reasonable Length, are put in this Paper at Two Shillings and Six-Pence each.*

Orders are given for Stabling and other Conveniences to be made at *Richmond* in *Surrey*, against another Year, for the Entertainment of the Life-Guardmen and their Horses.

Preferments. The following Gentlemen are appointed Receivers-General of the Land-Tax for the present Year for the under-mentioned Places, *viz.* *Thomas Parr*, of *Datchet*, Esq; for *Bucks*; *Thomas Eyre*, Esq; for *Chester* and *North Wales*; *Thomas Sterling*, Esq; for Part of *Suffolk*; *Benjamin Hill*, Esq; for *Northampton* and *Rutland*; *Abstenence Poughser*, Esq; for *Leicester*; *Gerard Crocker*, Esq; for *Oxford*; *William Bell*, Esq; for *Gloucester*; *Symon Taylor*, Gent. for *Cambridge* and Part of *Norfolk*; *Edward Hooker*, Esq; for *Southampton*; *Joseph Pembrook*, Esq; for *Hertford*; *Bar Brackenbury*, Esq; for *Lincoln*; *Benjamin Darby*, Esq; for *Dorset*; and *George Baker*, Esq; for *Kent*.——*Thomas Sterling*, Esq; is appointed Receiver-General for the Duty on Houses, for Part of *Suffolk*, and *Abstenence Poughser*, Esq; for *Leicester*.

Marriage. On Tuesday last Mr. *Cotton*, a young Gentleman of about 27 Years of Age, was married at St. *Leonard's* Church in *Shoreditch*, to Mrs. *Morgan*, of *Bethnal-Green*, a Widow Gentlewoman of about 72 Years of Age, with a Fortune of 10,000l.

Deaths. On Thursday died at *Kensington*, Miss *Swift*, a Maiden Lady, said to have died worth near 20,000l.—The same Night died Dr. *Pembroke*, Doctor of Musick, said to have died worth 20,000l.

MONDAY, *August* 13.

A rich Velvet Bed, laced and fringed with Gold, is making at Mr. *Gilbert's*, his Majesty's Upholsterer in *Great Queen-street*, which her Majesty designs as a Present to the Princess Royal, upon the Consummation of her Nuptials with his Highness the Prince of *Orange*.

On Saturday last a Porter in *Covent-Garden Market*, carrying a heavy Burthen to *Strand-Bridge*, had the Misfortune to fall down, by which unhappy Accident he broke a Leg and one of his Ribs, and Yesterday he died.

The same Evening two Soldiers quarrell'd and fought in *New Court* in the *Middle-Temple*, one of whom was desperately wounded, and 'tis thought cannot recover; the other was pursued, and taken at the End of *Chancery-Lane*, and is now in Custody.

The Right Hon. the Lord *Craven* hath granted to the Parish of St. *James's* at *Westminster*, a Lease of a certain Spot of Ground lying near *Carnaby-Market*, for 500 Years, at the annual Rent of 60l. for a Burying Ground to the Inhabitants of the said Parish.

Commitments. On Friday last *William Gale* was committed to the New Jail in *Southwark* by Sir *John Lade*, Bart. for the Murder of *Thomas Armsby*, a Waterman at *Lambeth*: The Prisoner and the Deceased having fought on Account of some Quarrel that arose at the Skettle-Ground, the latter gave out; but the other took his Opportunity some Time after, and fell upon *Armsby* in so cruel a Manner, that he died of the Bruises in a few Hours.

Preferments. The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint the Right Hon. *Thomas* Lord *Malton*, to be Lord-Lieutenant of the *West-Riding* in the County of *York*, and Custos Rotulorum of the *North* and *West Riding* in the said County.——His Majesty has been pleased to constitute the Right Hon. *John* Lord *Lymington*, to be Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County of *Southampton*, and of the Town of *Southampton* and County of the same; and also Warden and Keeper of *New-Forest* in the said County, and of the *Duckoy* there; and likewise of the Manor and Park of *Lindhurst* and the Hundred of *Rudbergh*.——His Majesty has been pleased to grant to the Rev. *Philip Barton*, Doctor of Laws, the Canonry or Prebend in the Cathedral Church of *Christ* in *Oxon*, lately void by the Death of *Thomas Burton*, D. D.

Deaths. On Saturday last died, at his Seat at *Langford* in *Lancashire*, the Hon. *Edward Coke*, Esq Brother to the Right Hon. the Lord *Lovell*, Vice Chamberlain to the Queen.——On Thursday last died at *Oxford*, the Rev. Mr. *Swain*, of St. *John's-College*.

TUESDAY, *August* 14.

Since the Commitment of the four Deer stealers (taken near *Temple-Mills*) to *Chelmsford* Jail, by *John Goodyer*, Esq; Purlew Ranger of *Epping-Forest*, the said Gentleman receiv'd an anonymous Letter, threatening to destroy the Deer in Mr. *Harvey* the High Sheriff's Park, and to shoot the said Mr. *Goodyer*, in case the said Prisoners were not released; and notwithstanding the late Proclamation a gainst Deer-stealers, eleven Deer were carried publickly from off *Epping-Forest* last Week, by a Number of armed Persons, altho' Informations had been given on Oath against 18 of their Gang.

On Saturday last the *Margaret*, Capt. *Longbottom*, from *Sunderland*, being deeply laden, run upon an Anchor in *Woolwich-Reach*, and sunk.

Yesterday a second Reprieve was sent to *Croydon* in *Surrey*, for *William Garbe*, alias *Will the Weaver*, who was condemn'd at the last Assizes for a Street-Robbery, and was to have been executed To-morrow; and he is now ordered to be transported for 14 Years.

His Majesty has been pleased to order 3000l. for repairing and beautifying the Palace of *Holy Rood* House at *Edinburgh*.

On Wednesday last at the Horse-Races on *Billington-Meadow* in *Bedfordshire*, a Purse of 20 Guineas was run for, and won by Mr. *Lawrence's* Dun Mare, *Miss Cadiere* And on Thursday a Purse of 50 Guineas was run for on the said Course by the following Horses, *viz.* the Duke of *Ancaster's* Grey Horse *Gentleman*, the Earl of *Halifax's* Bay Horse *Spavin*, and Mr. *Colvin's* Bay Mare *Smiling Molly*; the first Heat was won by *Spavin*, but the 2d and 3d Heats by *Gentleman*.

Derby, Aug. 9. About three Weeks ago an unhappy Accident happened at a Dyer's in this Town, *viz.* as the Apprentice was emptying a Copper of hot Liquor, by hanging over too far, he fell in, and was burnt and scalded in so terrible a Manner, that he languished till last Saturday, and then expired.

Bristol, Aug. 10. Last Wednesday the Right Honourable the Lord *Bathurst*, *Benjamin Bathurst*, Esq; his Lordship's Son, and *Thomas Chester*, Esq; were upon the *Tholzey*, making their Interest among the Freeholders of the County of *Gloucester*, the two latter having declared their Intention to stand Candidates for the said County at the next Election; and that they will not agree to any Compromise, as has been reported. In their circular Letters they promise to oppose all unnecessary Taxes in Time of Peace, and any further Extension of the Excise-Laws, *&c.*

Norwich, Aug. 11. On Sunday last one *William Morris*, a Stove-maker by Trade, was taken in his Bed at *Yarmouth*, on Suspicion of being one of the Persons who robbed Mr. *Bedingfield* in his Coach (near the Gates of this City) the Friday Morning before: He had both the Gold Watches, and all the Rings that were lost, taken upon him, with the Crape Hatband that covered his Face when he did the Robbery, and a Pair of Pistols in his Breeches Pocket; and he was immediately committed to *Yarmouth* Jail. And on Tuesday *John Morris* his Father was committed to our City Jail, being suspected of being privy to the said Robbery; and strict Search is making after one *Jubbs*, and another Person concerned in it. *William Morris* was discovered by a Letter sent from *Yarmouth*, directed to his Father here at *Norwich*.

WEDNESDAY, *August* 15.

The Royal Palace at *Kensington* is getting ready for the Reception of the Royal Family, who, 'tis said, will remove thither from *Hampton-Court* the Beginning of *October* next; about which Time the Marriage of her Royal Highness the Princess Royal with the Prince of *Orange* will be solemnized.

On Monday last at the Horse Races on *Wimbleton-Common*, six started for the 15l. Plate, and the same was won by Dr. *Oldham's* Bay Mare.

Yesterday a Man working on the Scaffold at St. *Bartholomew's-Hospital*, had the Misfortune to fall down, by which Accident he fractur'd his Skull, and expir'd soon after.

The same Day the Body of a Man, believ'd to be that of the Engraver near the *Royal Exchange*, was taken out of the River *Thames* near *Barking* in *Essex*.

On Monday last an old Woman threw herself out of one of the Windows at the Workhouse in *Southwark*, and died on the Spot.

A few Days since the Lady of the Right Hon. the Earl of *Thanet* was brought to Bed of a Son, at his House in *Grosvenor-Square*.

Two fine Marble Monuments from the Design of Mr. *Chuer*, of *Margaret's-street*, *Westminster*, are making to the Memory of the late Hon. *Sidney Godolphin*, Esq; and Sir *Thomas Hardy*, Knt. the former of which is to be erected in the Country, and the latter at the Place of Interment in *Westminster-Abbey*.

Marriage. On Monday last *Thomas Griffin* of *Rothampton*, Esq; was married to Miss *Sarah Chapman*, Daughter of *Thomas Chapman* of *Kingston*, Esq;

Deaths. On Monday last died, at his House at *Bromley* in *Middlesex*, *John Boyer*, Esq; formerly an eminent *Hamburgh* Merchant of this City.——Yesterday died, at her House in *Sackville-street*, *Piccadilly*, Mrs. *Roberts*, a Lady of a considerable Fortune, and a near Relation of the Right Hon. the Earl of *Radnor*.——On Sunday Night died, after a tedious Illness, Mrs. *Windham*, Matron of *Bridewell-Hospital*.

Bankrupt. John Falconer, late of *George-Lane*, near *Botolph-Lane*, *London*, Merchant.

THURSDAY, *August* 16.

Yesterday their Majesties and all the Royal Family, attended by the Lords and Ladies of the Court, took the Diversion of hunting the Stag for the first Time in *Windsor-Forest*.

The Right Hon. the Earl *Waldegrave*, his Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary at the *French* Court, is daily expected here from *Paris*: 'Tis said that a very considerable Employment is to be bestow'd on his Lordship at home.

Yesterday a *French* Nobleman, commonly call'd the Prince of *Hungary*, who came here to see the *English* Court, and has for some Time past resided at *Kensington*, set out for *Dover* with a very handsome Retinue, in order to embark for *Calais* in his Way home.

On Tuesday last a Silver Cup, given by his Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, was play'd for at Cricket on *Moulsey-Hurst* near *Hampton Court*, by eleven Men on a Side; eleven were prick'd on one Side by Mr. *Stede* of *Kent*, and the other eleven were prick'd out of the twenty-two that play'd at the same Place about three Weeks ago (and were call'd the Prince's Men) which latter won, tho' not with so much Ease as was expected, the Odds being against Mr. *Stede's* Men at the Beginning.

On Tuesday, at the Horse-Races at *Wimbleton*, three Horses started for the 10l. Plate, which was won with great Ease by Mr. *Canby's* Mare.

Yesterday a Bricklayer fell from a Scaffold three Stories high in St. *James's street*, where the Fire lately happened, and died on the Spot.

On Monday last a Quarrel happening between a Carpenter who liv'd in the *Mint*, and a Negro Black, at *Peckham-Fair*, about a Woman, the former gave the latter a Blow under the Ear, of which he died on the Spot; whereupon the Coroner's Inquest sat Yesterday on the Body, and brought in their Verdict *Wilful Murder*.

On Tuesday last arrived the Right Hon. the Lord *Baltimore*, Governor of *Maryland*, with his Lady, and Yesterday they came to his Lordship's House in *Charles-street*, *Covent-Garden*.

At the Assizes at *Berwick*, *William Johnson*, a Soldier in Colonel *Montagu's* Regiment, was indicted for Burglary and Felony, for breaking open, and taking out of the Chambers of Capt. *Abercrombie* 260l. and was ordered to be transported for seven Years.

They write from *Devizes*, that on Saturday Night last they had such a sudden Storm of Rain, that the Current threw down three Houses: And from *Road* near the same Place, that on Tuesday last a Man going to sink a Well deeper, was struck dead with the Damp.

From *Wells*, that a Bailiff and his Follower were tried there for the Murder of a Clothier at *Shepton-Mallet*, whom they had arrested, (as mention'd in one of our former Papers) the former whereof was found guilty of *Manslaughter*, and the latter acquitted: That upon their Return home with their Evidences, they call'd at an Alehouse to drink, where a Man saying that the Bailiff merited the Halter, one of the said Evidences took up a Stick, and without more ado knock'd his Brains out; upon which the Villain was immediately apprehended, and committed to *Ivelchester* Jail.

Yesterday in the Evening a Match at a Game call'd *Hurling* was play'd for fifty Guineas a Side in *Hyde-Park*, by Gentlemen of *Ireland*, the County of *Kildare* against the County of *Meath*.

Robberies. Last Monday Night about Eight o'Clock, one Mr. *Morrison*, a School-master in *Holborn*, was attacked by three Foot-pads in the Field between Sir *John Oldcastle's* and the *London-Spaw*, who took from him three Shillings and nine Pence, two Books, and a Pair of Spectacles, but not content with their Booty began to beat him, when one of them (supposed to have known him) persuaded the others from using any Barbarities.——Yesterday two Gentlemen coming from *Highgate* in a Hackney-Coach to *London*, were robb'd by two Highwaymen of 32 Guineas, between the *Pindar of Wakefield* and the End of *Gray's-Inn-Lane*.

Marriages. Last Sunday *Thomas Ackworth*, of the County of *Northampton*, Esq; was married to Miss *Garbert*, Daughter of ——— *Garbert*, of *New Bond street*.——A few Days since Mr. *Clermont*, a rich *Portugal* Merchant, was married to Miss *Leglese*, Daughter of Mr. *Leglese*, a noted Wine-Merchant in *Mincing-Lane*.

Deaths. Yesterday died, at his House at *Hackney*, *Samuel Webb*, Esq;——On Monday died, at his House at *Little Chelsea*, *George Sparks*, Esq;—The same Day died, at his House at *Patterjea*, *John Dobson*, Esq; Son of Sir *John Dobson* of *Westchester*.—Last Week died at *Edinburgh*, the Hon. Sir *William Calderwood*, of *Polton*, Bart. one of the Lords of Council and Session in *Scotland*, and one of the Lords Commissioners of Justiciary in that Kingdom.—On Tuesday died, *John Booth*, Esq; Steward to his Grace the Duke of *Montagu*.—A few Days ago died *John Boggas*, of *Hawley* in the County of *Suffolk*, Esq;——On Monday last died, at his House in *Austin-Friars*, Mr. *Roussy*, an eminent *Italian* Merchant.

FRIDAY, *August* 17.

On Wednesday Mr. *Treadway*, a Master Carpenter in *Tower-street*, fell from off a House and died on the Spot.

Yesterday the Orange Regiment, commanded by Sir *Gerard Conyers*, Knt. and Alderman of this City, march'd by the *Royal Exchange*, and made a very handsome Appearance, the Officers wearing large Cockades of Orange-colour in their Hats.

On Wednesday Mr. *Harper*'s Bay Mare ran for a Wager of 300 l. round the four Mile Course on *Wimbleton-Common*; she was allow'd nine Minutes and a half to run it in, but perform'd it in eight Minutes and three fourths with Ease.

The same Day ended the Races there, when the 5 l. Plate was run for by Ponies, and won by the *Kingston* Mare.

On Tuesday last Mr. *Allen*, a Fellmonger in *Barnaby* (alias *Bermondsey*) Street, *Southwark*, was thrown from his Horse between *Sydenham* and *Dulwich*, and died soon after. It's said he was riding a Race with a Friend, for a Bottle or two of Wine, from the *Greyhound* at *Sydenham* to the *Green Man* at *Dulwich*, and that his Friend seeing him fall apprehended no Danger, but rid on to secure his Wager.

We hear from *Tunbridge Wells*, that on Tuesday last a Quarrel arose at the Rowley-Powley Table there, on Account of some indirect Practice, wherein several Gentlemen and others had their Heads broke, and the Table was consigned to Destruction in the open Walks.

A few Days since in laying the Foundation of some Houses in St. *Helen*'s near *Leatherfellers-Hall*, was discovered Part of an old tesselated *Roman* Pavement, which run under some of the adjoining Houses.

On Friday Night last as a Gentleman was going to St. *Alban*'s, within about a Quarter of a Mile from that Place, he observed a Fellow bound in the Middle of the Road, but it being dusk sh thought it might be a Bait, and therefore did not alight to untie him, but upon his Arrival at the *White-Hart-Inn*, gave Notice to the Servants, who immediately took Horse and went and found him, and out of their great Care were going to let him Blood, but with an Instrument he did not much approve of, so he told them he had a better in his Pocket, and pulled out three Lancets, which unfortunately belonged to an Apothecary at *Kingston*: A Gentleman's Groom, going to *Leicestershire* with a Running Horse, seeing him, swore to his having robbed him and another Groom, near *Epsom*, a few Days before, and described several Things they had lost; which, upon Examination, were found upon him, and he being carried before a Justice of the Peace, was committed to Prison.

On Monday in the Afternoon the Son of Mr. *Flower*, a Blacksmith at *Hackney*, was drowned as he was washing himself in the River near *Temple-Mills*.

Last Tuesday two Boys of about 16 Years of Age were drowned as they were washing themselves in the River *Thames* near *Vaux-Hall*; one of them was the only Son of Mr. *Scarfe*, a Glasier at *Chelsea*.

The same Day one *John Smith*, a Ticket-Porter, going to his Stand in *Broad-street*, as usual, dropt down dead of an Apoplectick Fit.

Preferments. Yesterday was held a General Court of the Governors of *Christ's-Hospital*, for the Election of a Minister to the Vicarage of *Endford* in the County of *Wilts*, in the room of the Rev. Mr. *Bull*, deceas'd; the Candidates were

The Rev. *William Cook*, M. A.
The Rev. *Charles Weaver*, M. A.
The Rev. *Samuel Willan*, M. A.

the former of whom was chosen, the Division in favour of the two first of those Gentlemen being

For the Rev. Mr. *Cook* —— 46
For the Rev. Mr. *Weaver* —— 39

The Court was afterwards pleased to chuse Mr. *William Hunt*, Citizen and Blacksmith, to be one of the Beadles of the said Hospital, in the room of *Charles Ralph Bishop*, deceas'd; and *Sarah Marple* to be Cook, in the room of her Mother, *Katharine Foden*, deceas'd,

Marriages. Yesterday —— *Turner*, Esq; Son of *Thomas Turner*, Esq; Recorder of *Bury St. Edmund's*, was married to Miss *Geery*, youngest Daughter of Sir *Thomas Geery*, late Master in Chancery, an agreeable young Lady of 20,000 l. Fortune.——A few Days since *William Gape*, Esq; Brother to the late *Thomas Gape*, Esq; Member of Parliament for St. *Alban's*, was married to Mrs. *Putland*, Daughter of the late *Thomas Putland*, of *Paradise-Row* in *Chelsea*, Esq;

Deaths. A few Days since died the Rev. Mr. *Rowland Woodward Hill*, Rector of *Hodnet* in *Shropshire*, in the Diocese of *Litchfield* and *Coventry*. He hath left by his Will 100 l. *per Ann.* to the Theatre, or new Building, at *Cambridge*, and 100 l. to be distributed to the poor Clergymen's Widows in the County of *Salop*.——Yesterday died Dr. *Matthew Tindal*, Fellow of *All-Souls* College, *Oxford*, and Author of a Book, intitled, *Christianity as old as the Creation*.——On Sunday last died *William Crayford*, Esq; Recorder of the City of *Canterbury*.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Cadiz, *Aug* 4. N. S. On the 28th *sailed* the Corinna, Oxman, for the *North*; Thomas and Barbara, Lewin, *Newfoundland*; Mary Anne, Hopkins, *Dublin*; Yceland Fisher, Walton, for the *North*; Hannay, Wilson, *Madeira*; Lamb, Draper, *Waterford*; Mahone, Jones, *Newfoundland*; Mary, Gabourell, *Madeira*

Alicant, *Aug.* 5. On the 30th ult. *arrived* the Success, Brooke, from *Cadiz*; Sea-horse, Smith, *Carthagena*, Neptune, Godlee, *Lisbon*; John and Jane, Barker, *Mahone*; Bellica, Wadham; George and Anne, Furzer, *Messina*.

Leghorn, *Aug.* 8. On the 4th *arrived* the Mermaid, Kellett, from *Ancona* and *Messina*; Levant, Harper, *London*. On the 4th *sailed* the Genoa-Galley, Langworth, for *London*; Johanna, Buddicom, for *Genoa*; William, Corley, *Gallipoli*; Fortune, Rose, *St. Remo*.

Malaga, *Aug.* 8. *Arrived* the Don Carlos, Clarke, from *London*.

Genoa, *Aug.* 11. *Arrived* the Brunswick, Ducket, from *London*.

HOME PORTS.

Liverpool, *Aug.* 11. *Arrived* the William and Mary, Svers; Isabella and Anne, Gamon; Swallow, Halfall; Kitty, Litherbarrow, from *Antigua*; Rappahannock, Loxam, *Virginia*; Earl of Derby, Wilkinson, *Barbadoes*.

Weymouth, *Aug.* 13. Yesterday came to an Anchor in *Portland Road*, the Joseph, Bennet, from *Oporto*; for *Newfoundland*; and the Westmoreland, Shanks, of and from *London*, for *Leghorn*.

Bristol, *Aug.* 13. This Morning *arrived* the Virginia, Lewis, from *Virginia*; Friendship, Whitfield, *Norway*.

Deal, *Aug.* 6 *Remain* the Success Man of War; the Prince William, Banks, for *Ostend*; Mary, Tate; King William, Watkinson, *Carolina*; Two Brothers, Orchard; Duck, Drake; Nassau, Sparrow; Golden Mary, Hammond, *Lisbon*; William and Susanna, Bedington, *Malaga*; William and Mary, Lyon, from *Norway* for *Plymouth*; Loyal Nancy, Long, *Dieppe*; Leopard, Hardy, *Carthagena*; Lamb, Smallsheer, *Isle of May*; Tuscany, Chadwick, *Gibraltar*; Hydra, Sherwell, *Genoa*. *Arrived* the Widmore, Foord, from *Venice*; Anne, Crane, *Virginia*; Constant John, Walker, *Alicant*: Iceland-Fisher, Watson, *Cadiz*; Whidaw, Graves, *Gibraltar*; Brothers, Moyce, *Gallipoli*; Kent, Wheeler, from *Holland* and *Guinea*; Duke, Carpenter; Arabella, Pike, from *Maryland*.

Gravesend, *Aug.* 15. Yesterday *arrived* the Upper-Castle, Russel, from *Petersburg*; Constant Ann, Stanton, *Narva*; Alice and Deborah, Ward, *Gottenburg*; Felton, Trumball, *Norway*; this Day the Dove, Wilson, from *Stetin*; Mary Hopewell, Munday, *Norway*.

Gravesend, *Aug.* 16. *Arrived* the Yarmouth, Davy; Thomas, Neeve; Betsey, Boothby; Three Brothers, Kellet, from *Norway*.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Breslau, *Aug.* 1. N. S.

HERE goes a Report, that a Body of Troops of the Crown of *Poland*, consisting of 26 Companies and three Regiments of Foot, making about 10,000 Men, are marching to the Frontiers of *Silesia*. The *Saxon* Party in *Poland* increases considerably; and it is plainly foreseen that there will be great Contests and Divisions in the ensuing Election.

Libau, in *Courland*, *Aug.* 4. They write from *Mittau*, that four or five Days ago a Body of 16,000 *Muscovite* Troops marched between that Place and *Buschow*, towards the *Polish* Province of *Samogitia*, having paid ready Money to the Nobility for their Corn and other Necessaries.

Dresden, *Aug.* 11. The *Saxon* Troops now in Motion consist of 31 Squadrons and 21 Battalions, divided into several Bodies, and making almost 20,000 Men, under the Command of the Duke of *Saxe-Weissenfels*.

The Primate of Poland's LETTER *to the Elector of* Saxony.

My Lord,

It is necessary that your Royal and Most Serene Electoral Highness should be informed of an Affair that happened in the Dyetines of Relation here the 7th Inst. in Execution of the General Confederacy appointed in our late Dyet of Convocation; and the Fact will appear as surprizing to your Royal and Most Serene Electoral Highness, as it did to us.

A Priest having delivered to several Noblemen a printed Libel, very much reflecting upon the Honour of the Republick, tending to stir up Strife and Sedition in the Kingdom, was bound over in order to be examined; and being asked where he had that Libel, he declared, and confirmed upon Oath, that it was delivered to him, together with eight Gold Ducats, by the Count *de Wackerbarth*, one of your Royal and Most Serene Electoral Highness's Ministers; which having irritated the Nobility to the last Degree, we had the greatest Difficulty imaginable to appease them and prevent Mischief, which would infallibly have ensued, had we not flattered them that we should obtain of your Royal and Most Serene Electoral Highness an adequate Satisfaction, suitable to the Offence.

As for the Libel, it has already under-gone the Punishment it deserved. With Regard to the Person who published it, as he has thereby abused his Character, by endeavouring to excite Troubles and Disturbances in this Kingdom, contrary to the Law of Nations, and contrary to your Royal and Most Serene Electoral Highness's Intention, we have Reason to believe, you will think yourself obliged to give the Republick Satisfaction as to this just Grievance.

It is therefore only in Order to obtain a just and reasonable Satisfaction, and to prevent the fatal Consequences, which perhaps it will not be in our Power to prevent, that I have the Honour to write to your Royal and Electoral Most Serene Highness of this Day, as well in my own Name, as in that of the whole Republick thus affronted: Had I been so alone, I protest before God, who has commanded me to pardon Offences, that I should really have forgot this; but the Honour of the whole Republick is violated; and your Royal and Most Serene Electoral Highness is too just not to procure her a due Reparation. That your Royal and Most Serene Electoral Highness may be fully informed, by the Papers themselves, of all that has been done, I have the Honour to send you herewith a Copy of the Libel in Question, which you may get explained by the *Polanders* who are about your Person; together with an Extract of the Decree by which it was condemned; and I am persuaded, that when you have read these two Pieces, you cannot help disapproving your Ministers, and granting us what we demand.

The Senators, Ministers and Deputies of the Equestrian Order here present, of those nominated to assist me with their Advice,

In their Name, and my own, &c.

Your Royal and Most Serene Electoral Highness, &c.

Done at *Warsaw*, July 11, 1723.

The Elector of Saxony's ANSWER *to the Primate of* Poland's LETTER.

SIR,

Lieutenant *Drian* has brought me a Letter from you, without Date, and in it included a printed Pamphlet, and an Extract of a Decree condemning the said Pamphlet. You do me Justice, *Sir*, in believing me inclined both by Birth and Inclination to contribute to the utmost of my Power to the Maintenance of the Liberty, Peace and Prosperity of the Kingdom of *Poland*; and I am persuaded, my Ministers Plenipotentiaries to the Most Serene Republick have not been wanting to second my Intentions, and to act accordingly; pursuant to the Orders with which they are charged. I could not help, therefore, being very much surprized at the Complaints made against the Count *de Wackerbarth-Salmour*, one of my said Ministers, with whose Honesty, and Zeal to maintain and strengthen the sincere Friendship and Affection I bear the Republick, I am well acquainted: Complaints the more unreasonable, in Regard they are grounded upon the bare Deposition of a Clergyman of no Exemplary Character, one that acknowledges his own Baseness by the Turn he gives to the Accusation, and therefore deserves not to be credited. Such an Informer cannot be admitted as a good Evidence against any one he accuses.

As I knew nothing of this Affair before I received your Letter, and you ought to have heard both Parties, according to the Maxims of Justice universally admitted, I could not but suspend my Judgment of this Matter, till I had received an Account of it from my Ministers, which is just now come. The circumstantial Account they give me of all that has passed with Regard to them, manifestly proves the Wrong done them, by proceeding against them *ad mala narrata*, upon Evidence of no Weight, without considering their Character and the Law of Nations, which render them inviolable, and without paying any Respect to my Person, to whom alone, as their Master, it belongs to take Cognizance of their Behaviour; so that far from waiting for my Answer on so important an Occasion, wherein I am so nearly concerned, you do yourselves Justice, at the same Time that you demand it of me. This Affair having, therefore, been hurried in a Manner the less agreeable to me, because on my Part I take all Opportunities to shew my Regard for the Honour and Advantage of the Republick in general, and my particular Esteem and Affection for each of the

Members that compose the same; I have Reason to believe, that not only the Republick, but other Powers also, will acknowledge the Justice of the Reasons which prevail with me to demand a suitable Satisfaction: And I do not doubt, but you will do your Part, *Sir*, with those in whose Name you wrote to me, to procure me that Satisfaction, if my Ministers have not already obtained it, upon their Complaints and Protests, of which the Great Marshal of the Crown has promised to give an Account to the Committee of Senators, Ministers and Nuncio's that are about your Person. I expect your Answer to this, that I may take the Measures which I shall judge necessary according to the Circumstances of Affairs.

To conclude; I again protest, that all I desire, is to convince you of the Sincerity of my Intentions for the Good of the Republick, and of the particular Esteem with which I am, *&c.* Done at *Dresden*, the —— of *July*.

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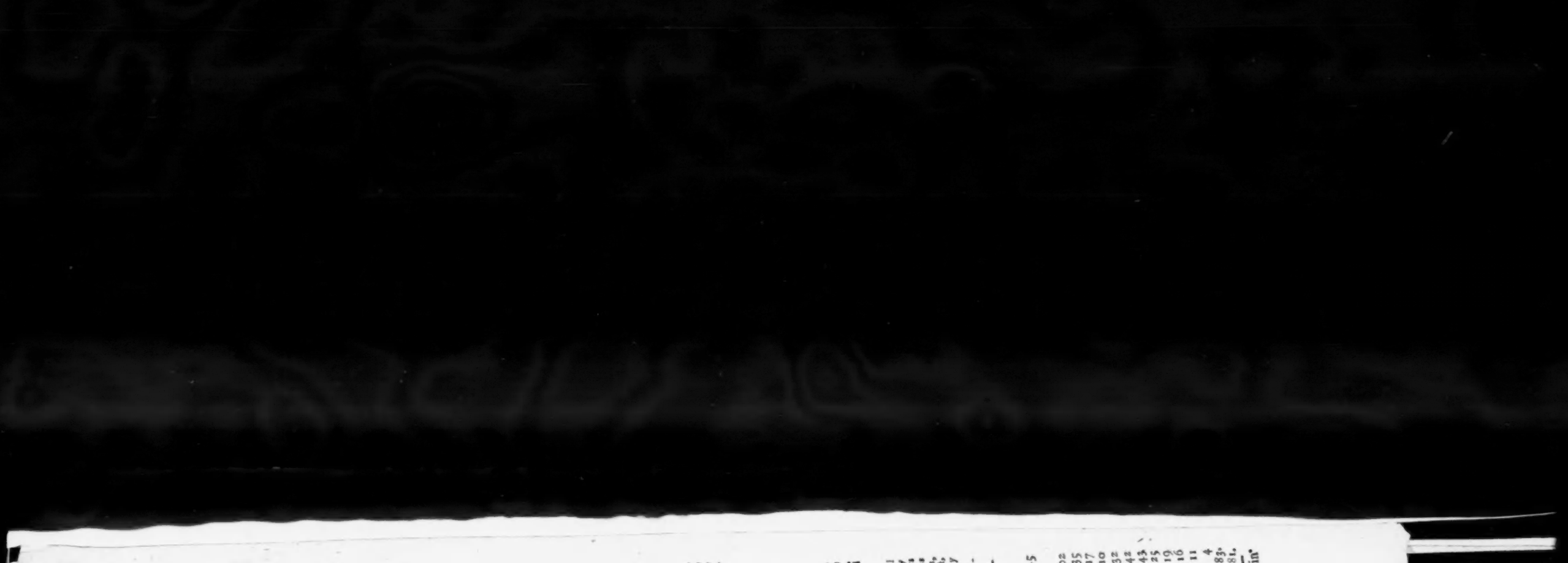
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